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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

- 1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - Claims 6-10, drawn to a method of testing a package, classified in class
 324, subclass 765.
 - II. Claims 1-5, drawn to method of creating a test device, classified in class 438, subclass 129.
 - III. Claims 11-18, drawn to a package test device, classified in class 257, subclass 678.
- IV. Claims 19-23, drawn to a test die, classified in class 257, subclass 690.

 The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:
- 2. Inventions I and II are related as process of making and process of using the product. The use as claimed cannot be practiced with a materially different product. Since the product is not allowable, restriction is proper between said method of making and method of using. The product claim will be examined along with the elected invention (MPEP § 806.05(i)).
- 3. Inventions III-IV and II are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the product as

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claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product such as switch.

- 4. Inventions I and III-IV are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product such as switch.
- 5. Inventions III and IV are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because combination does not require all of the details of the subcombination e.g. silicon substrate, insulator layer etc. The subcombination has separate utility such as by itself or in a different combination.
- 6. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
- 7. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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8. Further election of species is required after election of one of the above group invention. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species of fig. 2.

Species of fig. 3.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claims appear to be generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over

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the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35

U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

9. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must

include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be

traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Paresh Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-1968.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 to 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on 571-272-2034. The fax phone number

for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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